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WORKERS OF CLOSED INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various industries have been closed down in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to rehabilitate these workers;

(d) if so, whether the Government has also any proposal to restart these industries; and

(e) if so, the details alongwith the financial assistance likely to be provided by the Government to restart these industries and rehabilitate these workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : Labour Bureau, Shimla, under the Ministry of Labour & Employment collects information on closure of industrial units covered by the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. As per the information received from Labour Bureau, Shimla 773 units were closed during the period 2002 to 2006(Provisional). The number of workers affected due to closure of these units were 43017. The state-wise distribution of these closed units and workers affected is given at Annexure.

(c) to (e): Besides providing a policy regime that facilitates and fosters growth and development of industries, steps taken for revival of sick industrial units, inter-alia, include setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) which considers revival of sick industrial units registered with the Board under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA) and issue of guidelines by Reserve Bank of India to banks for financial support and amalgamation of sick units with healthy units. Wherever feasible rehabilitation schemes are sanctioned for the revival of the units registered with the BIFR which, inter-alia, include restructuring of the capital, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, Government assistance for public sector units, merger with other companies, relief and concessions in the form of rescheduling of dues by Financial Institutions, banks and Government and change of management.